

Please abandon the "broadcast flag" mandate.

As a concerned citizen, I oppose the proposed "broadcast flag" mandate on the grounds that it would restrict my fair use rights to media, and stifle innovation in digital media technology development in general.

While I understand that Hollywood has an interest in protecting their copyrighted works, I see no reason to mandate that protection by law in every piece of equipment I buy.

Also, open source software is of great value to humanity.

Please do *\*not\** make it illegal to use free software written by people not associated with media companies to receive radio signals with a radio receiver, TV signals with a TV receiver, or streaming audio/video over the Internet.